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Subject: Summary - CCPC Meeting: Emergencies Act - Canada Gazette Regulations and Orders

Hi Ryan and Karri

Below is a summary of the meeting held today to discuss the federal proclamation of Public order Emergency:

Introduction – Talal Dakalbab (CO-chair, CPPC) and Haley Crichton (CO-chair, NS)

Purpose – Provide an update on the status of the proclamation, the next steps left for it to be enacted and to address any questions or concerns by the provinces.

Agenda items:

1. Briefing on the Emergencies Act (IGA to Lead)

- The Act is intended to fill gaps in legislative authorities but not to infringe on public rights such as limiting freedom of speech, right to protest and the right to assemble.
- The powers given by the order will not abuse the use of military.
- The order is temporary and is deemed reasonable from a policing perspective.
- The order will provide all enforcement agencies the ability to:

Take necessary action to control and manage protests by enforcing unlawful activities

Direct private agencies (towing companies) to remove blockades and obstructions to key pieces of infrastructure.

Provide information to and direct Financial institution to stop the funding of unlawful activities and

- The order will allow assigning funding to relieve impacts caused by unlawful blockades.
- The order has pre-defined criteria for critical infrastructure that can be protected by the act.
- The order also provides the Minister of Public Safety the ability to designate an area or key infrastructure as critical in anticipation of unlawful activity.
- For example, The act would give police in Ottawa to immediately secure government buildings and restrict access to key areas targeted by protests. It would have also allowed enforcement to direct towing companies to clear any blockades.

2. Situational Update (PS to lead)

- Act was invoked on Feb 14 and proclaimed on Feb 15.
- In the act, the “Public order emergency” was invoked.
- The order and the subsequent regulations (Enforcement and Expenses) are to be tabled at both the house of commons and the senate.
- This will be put forward to house of commons on Feb 17th.
- The House of Commons and Senate have 7 sitting days to discuss, debate, amend and accept the order.

3. Discussion of Strategic Enforcement Strategy (TC to lead, Aaron McCrorie)

- TC restated and CCPC acknowledged that the fundamental intent of the order is to communicate strongly that there will be consequences of unlawful actions.
- Clear communication will be sent to all involved in unlawful protests that:

The owner and/or operators of the vehicles used are liable

The later judgements through the court system regarding the charges laid under this order will set expectations and act as deterrent to future protestors using unlawful means. That is charges and consequences will be clearly understood.

- CBSA already in the process of securing 25 key crossings and ports

4. Roundtable (FPT ADMs to lead)

- Louis Morneau (QC): Commented in French

- Richard Stubbings (ON): Requested follow-up meetings to address questions and concerns as this order is put into practice.

5. Questions and answers:

- Q:Rob Cameron (SK) - Who is authorized to provide enforcement under these regulations? Can Conservation Officers be used?

A: CPPC and Federal Justice are currently looking into this and will provide answers at a later time.

- Q:Richard Stubbings (ON) - Can you comment on the process for an officer provide information to freeze an individual's accounts. Can this be undone?

A: RCMP to provide info to banking institutions but the banks are responsible to act on the authority to freeze the accounts. Need to communicate with banking authorities on expected time periods. RCMP intelligence may also have to provide info to banks regarding the person not being involved anymore. Banks also have the ability to investigate and review the freezing. Individuals can also contact the banks to inform them that they are not involved. The bank will then contact RCMP for confirmation. (Banks federal and provincial financial institutions and Crypto exchange companies).

- Q:Andrew Easton (NB) - Which specific section has been singled out as in the interest of security of Canada?

A: No need for a specific section. Ability to use several sections

- Q:Andrew Easton (NB) - Is there authority for investigating defined in emergency regulations?

A: RCMP have primary responsibility (lead role) for investigation under nation security and defense act but this is not exclusive to RCMP. That is any enforcement agency including provincial has the ability to investigate within their scope.

- CCPC will also look into and provide clarity on what can be designated as critical infrastructure (eg: constituent offices, residences of government officials etc)

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